

Amendments to the Claims:

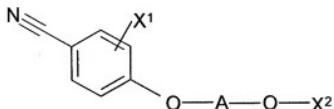
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claim 1 (original) A compound of the formula:



a salt or a solvate, thereof,

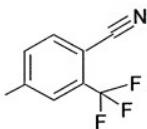
in which;

- a) X^1 is represented by trifluoromethyl or chloro, and is located at the 3-position of the phenyl ring,
- b) A is represented by a linear alkylene group containing from 2 to 10 carbon atoms, in which up to 6 hydrogen atoms may optionally be replaced by a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of:
 - i. halogen,
 - ii. cyano,
 - iii. hydroxy,
 - iv. $(\text{C}_1-\text{C}_{12})\text{alkyl}$, optionally substituted,
 - v. $(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{12})\text{alkenyl}$, optionally substituted,
 - vi. $(\text{C}_2-\text{C}_{12})\text{alkynyl}$, optionally substituted,
 - vii. $(\text{C}_3-\text{C}_{10})\text{cycloalkyl}$, optionally substituted,

- viii. (C_3-C_{10}) cycloalkyl(C_1-C_6)alkyl, in which the alkyl and cycloalkyl moieties may each be optionally substituted,
- ix. $(CH_2)_n-SR^1$,
- x. $(CH_2)_n-O-R^1$,
- xi. $(CH_2)_n-NR^1R^2$,
- xii. $(CH_2)_n-COOR^3$ and,
- xiii. $(CH_2)_n-CONR^4$;
- c) X^2 is represented by (C_6-C_{10}) aryl, optionally substituted;
- d) n, at each occurrence, is independently represented by an integer from 0 to 6;
- e) R^1 and R^2 are each independently represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and (C_1-C_6) alkyl, optionally substituted;
- f) R^3 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and (C_1-C_6) alky, optionally substituted, and;
- g) R^4 is represented by a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and (C_1-C_6) alkyl, optionally substituted.

Claim 2 (original) A compound according to claim 1 in which A is represented by ethylene, propylene, butylenes, or pentylene, any of which may be optionally substituted.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A compound according to claim [[1 or]] 2 in which X^2 is represented by:



Claim 4 (currently amended) A compound according to claim [[1, 2, or]]3 in which A is ethylene or propylene and is substituted with at least one substituent represented by $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-O-R}^1$ or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{alkyl}$.

Claim 5 (original) A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

- a. $4,4'[-(2S,3S)\text{-butane-2,3-diylbis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- b. $4,4'[-(2R,3R)\text{-butane-2,3-diylbis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- c. $4,4'[-\text{but-1-ene-3,4-diylbis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- d. $4,4'[-\text{pentane-1,2-diylbis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- e. $4,4'[-(\text{3-methoxypropane-1,2-diyl})\text{bis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- f. $4,4'[-(\text{3-ethoxypropane-1,2-diyl})\text{bis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- g. $4,4'[-[\text{3-(isopropylamino)propane-1,2-diyl}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- h. $4,4'[-(\text{6-methylhexane-1,2-diyl})\text{bis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- i. $4,4'[-\text{octane-1,2-diylbis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;
- j. $4-[1-(4\text{-Cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)methyl}-2,2\text{-dimethylcyclopropoxy}-2\text{-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile}]$;
- k. $4,4'[-\text{Propane-1,3-diylbis(oxy)}]\text{bis}[2-(\text{trifluoromethyl})\text{benzonitrile}]$;

- i. 4,4'-(2-methylpropane-1,3-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- m. 4,4'-(butane-1,3-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- n. 4-((3R)-3-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]butyl)oxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile;
- o. 4-((3S)-3-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]butyl)oxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile;
- p. 4-[3-[4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-1,2-dimethylpropoxy]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile;
- q. 4,4'-(hex-1-ene-4,6-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- r. 4,4'-(3-methylbutane-1,3-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- s. 4-[(3-(4-cyanophenoxy)-2-ethylhexyl)oxy]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- t. 4,4'-(2S,4S)-pentane-2,4-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- u. 4,4'-(heptane-1,4-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- v. 4,4'-(hexane-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- w. 4,4'-(2S,5S)-hexane-2,5-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
- x. 4-((5-[4-cyano-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]pentyl)oxy)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile;
- y. 4,4'-(hexane-1,5-diyl)bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];

- z. 4,4'-[*(3-methylpentane-1,5-diy)*bis(oxy)]bis[2-(trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile];
 - aa. 4-(1-methoxymethyl-2-phenoxy-ethoxy)-2-trifluoromethylbenzonitrile;
 - bb. 4-(1-hydroxymethyl-2-phenoxy-ethoxy)-2-trifluoromethylbenzonitrile;
 - cc. (1*R*)-4-(1-hydroxymethyl-2-phenoxy-ethoxy)-2-trifluoromethylbenzonitrile;
 - dd. (1*R*)-4-(1-methoxymethyl-2-phenoxy-ethoxy)-2-trifluoromethylbenzonitrile;
 - ee. (1*S*)-4-(1-methoxymethyl-2-phenoxy-ethoxy)-2-trifluoromethylbenzonitrile;
 - ff. 2-chloro-4-(2-methoxy-1-phenoxyethyl-ethoxy)-benzonitrile;
 - gg. 2-chloro-4-(1-phenoxyethyl-butoxy)-benzonitrile;
 - hh. 2-chloro-4-(1-phenoxyethyl-propoxy)-benzonitrile;
 - ii. 2-chloro-4-(1-phenoxyethyl-butoxy)-benzonitrile;
 - jj. 2-chloro-4-[1-(4-methoxy-phenoxyethyl-propoxy)-benzonitrile;
 - kk. 2-chloro-4-[1-(2-methoxy-phenoxyethyl-propoxy)-benzonitrile;
 - ll. 2-chloro-4-[1-methyl-phenoxy-ethoxy)-benzonitrile;
 - mm. 4-[4-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-2-hydroxy-butyloxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
 - nn. 4-[3-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-2-cyclohexyl-propoxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;

- oo. 4-[3-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)- 2-cyclohexyl-propyloxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- pp. 4-[3-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)- 2-chloro-propyloxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- qq. 4-[8-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)- 2-chloro-4-hydroxy-octyloxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- rr. 4-[10-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)- 2-methylcyclopentyl-octyloxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- ss. 4-[10-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)- decyloxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- tt. 4-[7-(4-cyano-3-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-2-cyano-4-methyl-6-hydroxy-heptyloxy]-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- uu. 4-(3-(3-hydroxy-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-propoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- vv. 4-(2-cyano-4-dimethylamino-8-phenoxy-octyloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- ww. 4-(2-dimethylamino-2-(4-cyano-phenoxy)-ethyloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile;
- xx. 4-(1-cyclopentyloxymethyl-3-(4-hydroxy-phenoxy)-propoxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile; and
- yy. 4-(2-methyl-4-dimethylamino-8-phenoxy-octyloxy)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile.

Claim 6 (cancel)

Claim 7 (currently amended) Use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-5 in the manufacture of a medicament for A method alleviating a

condition selected from the group consisting of hormone dependent cancers, benign hyperplasia of the prostate, acne, hirsutism, excess sebum, alopecia, premenstrual syndrome, lung cancer, precocious puberty, osteoporosis, hypogonadism, age-related decrease in muscle mass, and anemia[[.]],comprising the administration of a compound according to claim 1 to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claim[[s]] 1[[-5]] in admixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A topical pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to any one of claim[[s]] 1[[-5]] in admixture with or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients suitable for dermal application.

Claim 10 (currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising a compound according to any one of claim[[s]] 1[[-5]] packaged for retail distribution, which advises a consumer how to utilize the compound to alleviate a condition selected from the group consisting of acne, alopecia, and oily skin.